

### **REMARKS**

Claim 4 has been canceled.

#### I. Telephone Interview.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's counsel, John C. Thomas, during the telephone interview on October 2, 2006. During the interview Applicant's counsel confirmed that claim 15 was allowed. Applicant's counsel also showed the Examiner that in Figure 5 the cross-sectional area of inlet 8 was larger than the cross sectional area of the outlet 9. Applicant also pointed out the description on page 13 of the specification.

The Examiner was in agreement with Applicant's counsel and indicated that claim 7 was no longer rejected.

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Claims 4 and 7 have been rejected by the Examiner as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention.

##### A. Claim 4

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

##### B. Claim 7

The Examiner agreed that the claim 7 was no longer properly rejected based on Figure 5 during the October 2, 2006 telephone interview.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims now presented in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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